

### **REMARKS**

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the review of the present application. Claims 1-66 are currently pending in the application.

#### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 1-66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,638,737 (Mattson et al., hereinafter Mattson).

Independent claim 1 defines, in relevant part, a bezel or bezel assembly for delivery of pneumatic pressure and requires, among other things, a rigid block having a plurality of cavities on a pumping side of the block and a plurality of ports integrally molded on a port side of the block. Each port provides a solvent bondable tubing connection. The cavities are in fluid communication with the ports through the rigid member.

In order for a reference to anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. §102, the reference must disclose each and every limitation of the claim. Applicants respectfully submit that Mattson fails to disclose each and every limitation of the claims.

Mattson fails to disclose a bezel assembly as defined by claim 1. Instead, Mattson discloses a mechanical pump mechanism for use in a fluid delivery system. The Mattson system includes stepper/pump motors (72a and 72b) that move pistons (40a and 40b). The pumping motors engage a threaded portion of each piston via attached lead screws (43a and 43b). A retaining door (74) constrains a cassette (20) against the upper surface of the pump mechanism. The retaining door has cavities that correspond to the pistons. As the pump motors move the pistons to the fully advanced position, the pistons form to the door cavity.

Unlike the pneumatic system defined by claim 1, Mattson is a mechanical system that uses mechanical movement of a piston to deliver fluids. Additionally, Mattson fails to disclose a rigid member as defined by the claim 1. The Office Action suggests that the door (74) constitutes a rigid block. However, the door does not have cavities on a pumping side that are in fluid communication with ports located on a port side, as required by claim 1. Moreover, Mattson fails to disclose integrally molded ports located

on the port side of a block, as required by claim 1. The Office Action suggests that Mattson's collar (52) constitutes a port integrally molded on a port side of the block. However, Mattson's collar is neither integrally molded with nor located on the rigid block. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Mattson.

Independent claims 21, 36, and 49 define a bezel with structures similar to those defined by claim 1. Accordingly, claims 21, 36, and 49 are also allowable over Mattson for the same reasons discussed above with regard to claim 1.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 21, 31, and 49 are allowable over the cited reference. Because a dependent claim is deemed to include all limitations of its base claim and any intervening claim, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2-20, 22-35, 37-48, and 50-66 are also allowable over the cited references.

All pending claims therefore are allowable over the cited art. The application therefore is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants do not believe that any extension of time is required. However, if any extension of time is required, please charge the associated fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. In addition, please charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4972. Applicants also request that the examiner contact applicant's attorney, Jeffrey T. Klayman, if it will assist in processing this application through issuance.

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